Killings by Illegal Organisations in Assam

1622. SHRI DRUPAD BORGOHAIN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the reasons for allowing illegal organisations, known as secret killers, in Assam, to take up arms to intimidate public at random, when unified command is there to control insurgency, stating the number of persons killed by them in 1998;

(b) what are the reasons for paying only about Rs. 79 crores as against the demand of Rs. 550 crores by Assam Government for security related expenditures in the State; and

(c) whether the remaining amount would be paid in the current year; if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) No organisation in Assam has been allowed to take up arms for any uniawful activity.

(b) and (c) Reimbursement of SRE is only for selected items notified in the guidelines approved by Government of India. Rs. 78.86 crores out of the total claim of Rs. 245.18 crores made by the State Government for the period 1995-96 to 1997-98 have been paid to the Government of Assam. Additional amount, if any, due as per the approved guidelines would paid during 1999-2000.

Census of Christians in Gujarat

1623. SHRI BRAHMAKUMAR BHATT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Gujarat Government has ordered the police authorities to carry out separate census of only Christians in Gujarat, district-wise and village-wise;

(b) whether the census on one community was undertaken at the instance of Election Commission or Government of India;

(c) if so, the details of instructions issued for such discriminatory census; and

(d) if not, what action has been taken or proposed to be taken by Central Government against such discrimination?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) to (d) No, Sir.

The national census is due to be undertaken all over the country in February 2001. It is, therefore, premature to conduct any census at this stage.

However, the Government of Gujarat has informed that the State Police issued instructions for collection of certain information of routine nature regarding some communities from the point of view of maintenance of law & order and communal harmoney. The State Police subsequently directed all concerned officers that all actions in this regard should be stopped immediately and no further action should be taken. It may also be mentioned that this matter is pending before Gujarat High Court and is sub-judice.

Atrocities on SCs/STs Minority

1624. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey has been conducted by Government with regard to atrocities committed on Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes and Minority, during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State/Union Territory-wise; and

(c) the number of persons arrested and punished, out of persons committing such crimes?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) to (c) No survey relating to atrocities committed on Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes and minorities has been conducted by the Ministry of Home Affairs or Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment during the last three years;

Available information in regard to incidence of crime against SCs/STs during the years 1996 1997 and 1998 is given in the enclosed statement. (*See* below). The information relating to number of persons arrested and convicted for committing crimes against SCs/STs under the PCR Act and the SC/ST (POA) Act during the years 1996 and 1997 is given below:

Year	PCR Act		SC/ST (POA) Act	
	persons arrested	persons convicted	persons arrested	persons convicted
1996	3404	1443	32152	5514
1997	3052	1089	26608	5721

Similar information for the year 1998 is not available. Information in regard to crimes is not maintained religion-wise.

Statement

Sl. No.	State/UT	Total Incidence of crime Against Scheduled Caste			Total Incidence of crime Against Scheduled Tribe			FIG. for 1998 are upto the month of
		1996	1997	1998	1996	1997	1998	
1.	Andhra Pradesh	1629	1880	1530	252	236	314	October
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	0	0	0	5	0	0	October
3.	Assam	0	0	0	0	0	0	October
4.	Bihar	810	710	NA	190	158	NA	NA
5.	Goa	1	2	2	0	0	1	November
6.	Gujarat	1764	1831	1720	369	384	370	November
7.	Haryana	63	93	146	1	5	28	November
8.	Himachal Pradesh	66	61	56	3	1	1	November
9.	Jammu & Kashimir	17	8	13	6	11	0	October
10.	Karnataka	1089	1227	1024	180	78	67	November
11.	Kerala	640	755	690	122	139	129	November
12.	Madhya Pradesh	4075	4269	3650	1466	1400	1471	November
13.	Maharashtra	1352	831	683	337	189	153	
14.	Manipur	0	0	0	0	0	0	November
15.	Meghalaya	0	0	0	1	13	0	August
16.	Mizoram	0	0	0	0	0	0	November
17.	Nagaland	0	0	0	0	0	0	
18.	Orissa	486	678	522	179	238	192	August
19.	Punjab	12	11	23	1	0	2	
20.	Rajasthan	6623	5624	5275	1393	1445	1061	November
21.	Sikkim	14	18	2	46	31	32	November
22.	Tamil Nadu	1812	1403	1719	85	227	27	November
23.	Tripura	0	0	0	0	0	0	
24.	Uttar Pradesh	10963	500	5508	336	86	97	October
25.	West Bengal	0	0	0	0	0	0	November
	TOTAL (STATES)	31416	27901	22563	4972	4641	3945	
26.	A & N Islands	0	0	0	0	2	0	
27.	Chandigarh	0	1	0	0	0	0	
28.	D & N Haveli	0	0	0	1	1	1	
29.	Daman & Diu	0	0	0	0	0	0	November
30.	Delhi	11	19	11	0	0	0	
31.	Lakshadweep	0	0	0	0	0	0	
32.	Pondicherry	13	23	10	0	0	4	
	TOTAL (UTS)	24	43	21	1	3	5	
		31440	27944	22584	4973	4644	3950	